Where some, like magistrates, correct at home:
Others, like merchants, venture trade abroad[4];

observe more *order* than they. If I might crave pardon, I would
a little acquaint you with the *commonwealth* of my *bees*.—I have
for the space of these twenty yeeres dwelt in this place, taking no
delight in any thing but only keeping my bees, and marking them:
and this I find, which had I not seen I should hardly have be-
lieved, that they use as great wit by induction, and art by work-
manship, as ever man hath or can; using between themselves no
l^sse justice than wisdome, and yet not so much wisdome as ma-
iestie: insomuch as thou wouldest thinke that they were a *kind of*
people, a commonwealth of Plato; where they all labour, all gather
hony, flie together in a swarme, eat in a swarme, and sleepe in a
swarme. *They live under a laty*, using great reverence to their
elder as to the wiser. They choose *a king*, whose *palace* they
frame, both braver in shew, and stronger in substance.—If their
prince die, they know not how to live; they languish, weepe, sigh,
neither intending their worke, nor keeping their old society.
And that which is most marvellous and almost incredible, if there
be any that hath disobejred his commandment, either of purpose or
unwitting, he killeth himself with his own sting, as an *executioner*
to his own stubbornnesse. The king himselfe hath a sting, which
lie useth rather for honour than punishment. And yet, Euphues,
albeit they live under a prince, they have their priviledges, and as
great liberties as strait lawes. They call a parliament, wherein
they consult for lawes, statutes, penalties, choosing *officers*, and
creating their *king*,—Every one hath his office; *some trimming the*
honey, some working the tvax, one framing hives, another the
combes: and that so artificially, that Dedalus could not with
greater art or excellency better dispose the orders, measures, pro-
portions, distinctions, joints, and circles.
Diverse *hew*, others *polish*, and are careful to do their worke so strongly as they may
resist the craft of such *drones* as seek to live by their labours:
which maketh them to keepe watch and ward, as living in a camp
to others, and as in a court to themselves.—*When they goe forth to*
<worke, they marke the tuinde, the *clouds*, and

whatsoever doth
threaten either their ruin or rage; and *having gathered out of*
everyflower how they return, loaded in their mouthes, thighes,
winges, and all the body ; whom they that tarried at home receive
readily, as easing their backs of *so great burthens.* The king him-
selfe, not idle, goeth up and down, intreating, threatening, com-
manding ; using the counsel of a sequell, but not losing the dig-
nity of a prince: preferring those that labour in greater authority,
and *punishing those that loiter with due severity.*'—"The common-
Wealth of your bees [replied Euphues] did so delight me, that